

House Resolution No. 4017

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives and careers of individuals who have maintained close ties to the Show-Me State as members of any of the branches that make up the United States armed forces; and

Whereas, Colonel J.C. Abney has attained considerable distinction as the Acting Deputy Commander of the Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command, a leadership calling that he will draw to a close in well-deserved retirement; and

Whereas, a native of Greenwood, South Carolina, Colonel J.C. Abney earned his officer's commission in 1981 through the Reserve Officer Training Corps; graduated from the Military Police Officer Basic and Advanced Courses, the Combined Arms Service Staff School, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, the Industrial College of the Armed Forces, and the FBI National Academy; and holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Furman University and a Master of Science degree from the National Defense University; and

Whereas, during his two and one-half decades in military service, Colonel J.C. Abney received the Defense Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with four oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with bronze star, National Defense Service Medal with bronze star, Humanitarian Service Medal, United Nations Medal, and Army Staff Identification Badge; and

Whereas, Colonel J.C. Abney has served at numerous postings in the United States and overseas, including Fort McClellan, Alabama; the Pentagon; Alexandria, Virginia; Fort Lewis, Washington, Fort Carson, Colorado; the United States Army Garrison at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri; the Republic of Panama; the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia; Haiti; and Afghanistan during Operation Enduring Freedom; and

Whereas, Colonel J.C. Abney will have his military service recognized at a retirement ceremony that will be conducted in the Wallace Theater of Fort Belvoir, Virginia, on September 5, 2008:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to salute Colonel J.C. Abney and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Colonel J.C. Abney.

Offered by _____
Representative David Day
District No. 148

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4017, adopted September 3, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker